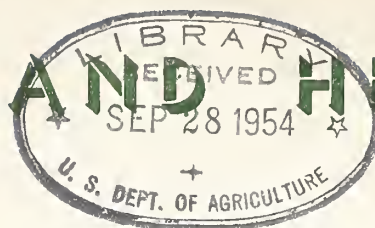


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SAFETY



AND HEALTH

SUMMER DRIVING HAZARDS PRESENT CHALLENGE

THE SITUATION



- Eighteen million traffic accidents occurred in 1953!
- Eighty percent of all summer vacation travel is done by automobile!
- Out-of-State drivers were involved in 1 out of 5 automobile accidents in 1953!
- Three out of every ten automobile deaths are caused by speeders!
- Insurance companies have raised their premium rates to families with young drivers!

WHY ARS IS INTERESTED

- A large number of inexperienced employees (many young in years) will be added to ARS payrolls and supervision during summer months. The frequency of fatal accidents for drivers under 25 years of age is 62.4 percent above the national average. The same age group rates 37.1 percent above the national average for non-fatal accidents.
- A large number of ARS employees will be performing vacation travel. 11 percent of all traffic accidents every year in the United States involve drivers who have left their home State. In some regions the ratio becomes much higher, reaching a figure of 20.5 percent in the 1953 calendar year.

THE CHALLENGE

Performance of official travel as well as vacation travel in an accident-free manner is a challenge. It is a matter of special interest to ARS, for accidents in either duty or leave status may affect the availability of employees for productive effort. Employees should be alert to the need to drive with deliberate caution.

